

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Claims 15-18 submitted on 2/11/2008 with the Request for Continuation Examination on 10/31/2007. However, upon an examiner's amendment, applicant(s) requests to cancel claims 15-18.
2. The amendment submitted on 2/27/2008 contains errors and will not be entered.
Claims 19-25 are newly added by applicant. Therefore, claims 19-25 below are entered and supersedes the amendments submitted on 10/31/2007 and 2/11/2008 and 2/27/2008.
3. Claims 1-14 had previously been cancelled by applicant.
4. Claims 19-25 (submitted below) are allowed over art.
5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Shrinath Malur on 2/27/2008.

Please amend the claims as follow:

Please cancel Claims 15-18.

Please add claims 19-25.

Claim 19 (new):

A broadcasting method comprising the steps of:

broadcasting encrypted contents from a broadcasting side wherein said encrypted contents are encrypted by said broadcasting side and said encrypted contents are stored into a storage medium at a receiving side; and

broadcasting a play command with a decryption key at the time after broadcasting said encrypted contents to cause the encrypted contents to be played, wherein the time at which the play command and decryption key are broadcast is predetermined by said broadcasting side and said decryption key is stored into a memory at a receiving side;

wherein, upon receiving said play command, the receiving side causes said encrypted contents to be retrieved from said storage medium and said decrypted using said decryption key to produce decrypted contents, and wherein the decrypted contents are outputted and said decryption key is deleted from said memory when output of said decrypted content is finished,

wherein said encrypted contents are broadcasted with a first identifier identifying said encrypted contents, and

wherein said play command broadcasted with a second identifier identifying said first identifier to indicate that said encrypted contents, broadcast with the first identifier, are to be retrieved from said storage medium for output.

Claim 20 (new):

A broadcasting receiver comprising:

a receiving unit which receives encrypted contents, which is encrypted by a broadcasting side, broadcasting from the broadcasting side, and receives a play command with a decryption key at the time

after broadcasting said encrypted contents to cause the encrypted contents to be played, wherein the time at which the play command and decryption key are broadcast is predetermined by said broadcasting side;

a storage medium which stores said encrypted contents;

a memory which stores said decryption key;

a processor which stores said encrypted contents into said storage medium, stores said decryption key into said memory, retrieves said encrypted contents from said storage medium in accordance with said play command, decrypts said encrypted contents by using said decryption key stored in said memory for output to produce decrypted contents and deletes said decryption key from said memory when output of the decrypted contents is finished,

wherein said encrypted contents are broadcasted with a first identifier identifying said encrypted contents, and

wherein said play command broadcasted with a second identifier identifying said first identifier to indicate that said encrypted contents, broadcast with the first identifier, are to be retrieved from said storage medium for output.

Claim 21 (new): The broadcasting method according to claim 19, wherein said encrypted contents broadcast in a first time period include an end store command for terminating the storing of said contents into said storage medium.

Claim 22 (new): The broadcast receiver according to claim 20, wherein said encrypted contents broadcast in a first time period include an end store command for terminating the storing of said contents into said storage medium.

Claim 23 (new): The broadcast receiver according to claim 22, wherein the processor terminates the storing of said encrypted contents into said storage medium the moment said end store command is received.

Claim 24 (new): The broadcast receiver according to claim 20, wherein the processor finds a stored start command and stores said encrypted contents into said subsequent to said store start command.

Claim 25 (new): The broadcast receiver according to claim 22, wherein the processor finds a stored start command and stores said encrypted contents into said subsequent to said store start command.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leynna T. Truvan whose telephone number is (571) 272-3851. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday (7:00 - 5:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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